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Title: NOVEL METHODS FOR USING ALKANOYLOXYMETHYL
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The prior application is assigned of record to Beacon Laboratories, Inc., a Maryland corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on August 28, 2001 at 012113/0659, a copy of the Recordation of Assignment is enclosed.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 3 pages.
- Information Disclosure Statement, 1 page, with PTO-1449, 1 page listing documents cited in the parent or cited by the Examiner in the parent application. Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials.
- Copy of Declaration, (2 pages), which was filed in the parent application. Please enter in this application.
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- Copy of Notice of Recordation of Assignment, (5 pages), as received in the parent application. Please enter these in this application.
- Serial Number Card (green).

This application is entitled to small entity status.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/742,729, filed December 21, 2000. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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